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| In re application of: Brian Mark Shuster Serial No. Filing Date: For: System And Method For Aggregating Information Over A Wide Area Network | Art Unit: Examiner: |
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GENERAL AUTHORIZATION/REQUEST TO PETITION FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME

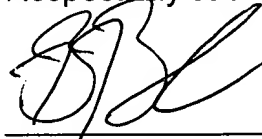
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With reference to the subject application, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner to treat any correspondence requiring a petition for extension of time as containing such a request therefor for the appropriate length of time. This general authorization is effective during the pendency of this application, including any division or continuing application therefrom.

Where no check is received by the Commissioner, you are hereby authorized to charge payment of the requisite petition fees, or charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639. A duplicate copy of this general authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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